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TOPIC Military information from the Lossa Troop Training Grounds

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25X1 the Lossa (K 52/J 59) troop training grounds had been considerably enlarged. The Lossa-Liehe road was blocked to civilian traffic at the time of observation. A field exercise in the area southwest of Liehe involved about 10 JS-3 tanks and about 200 troops. The tanks advanced toward the training grounds in two groups. Each group was led by a tank. [REDACTED] as the lead tank advanced about 100 meters ahead of its respective group it stopped. Subsequently each group then proceeded to advance toward the lead tank. The tanks mounted infantry troops and were followed by riflemen in deployed formation. The tanks opened fire toward the edge of the woods with guns and machine guns upon reaching the troop training grounds. Firing with live ammunition from mortars and AT artillery and machine gun fire was also heard from the area east of the Lossa-Liehe road. Four 45-mm AT guns took up position on both sides of the Lossa-Liehe road, about 200 meters northeast of Hill 284.7. Fifteen to 20 new low wooden buildings of 10 x 15 meters had been erected on the edge of the woods northwest of the Lossa potassium plant. Two trucks [REDACTED] shuttled from the troop training grounds to the Lossa railroad station, carrying wooden lumber boards, 5 to 6 meters long. Other motor vehicles seen in traffic from, and to, the troop training grounds

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25X1\* [REDACTED] Comment. The information fails to definitely confirm the 21st Gds Mecz Div as still being stationed in Lossa. However, units of the division were confirmed in Lossa with their arms at the end of September. [REDACTED]

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